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## News in brief

### Van Buren fire station open house Saturday

The Van Buren Township Public Safety Department will host an open house at Fire Station One.

The event will take place from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday at the station, located at 45400 Hull and Sumpter roads. Everyone can take a tour of the new station and enjoy hot dogs, beverages and activities. Parking and a shuttle service are available. For more information, contact the public safety department at (734) 699-8930.

### Wayne County recreation picnic planned

The Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation, along with the Wayne County Parks and Recreation and Van Buren Township Recreation Department, will host an extravaganza picnic.

It will take place from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. on Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills, located on Ann Arbor Road and Hines Drive in Westland. The event is free and will include: games, entertainment by the Music Lady, demonstrations by a Wayne County naturalist, crafts and other activities. For more information, contact the Van Buren recreation department at (734) 699-8921.

### Hazardous waste collection set

The Wayne County Department of Environment will host a countywide household hazardous waste collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 9 at the Henry Ford Community College, located at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn.

Examples of items accepted are: household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaner, stain removers, solvent, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries, dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, mercury thermometers, thermostats and elemental mercury.

Electronics that can be recycled include: computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cell phones, fax machines, television and copiers.

Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted. Items that will not be accepted include: commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive material, explosives, ammunition, 55 gallon drums, shock sensitive materials, pharmaceutical waste, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves, tires, yard waste, and concrete.

For more information, contact the county department of environment at (734) 326-3936.

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## Music in the Park

Dani'Ree, musicians Dan Goree and Craig Tyner, brought their classic, soul and Motown music to Victory Park last weekend as part of the Music in the Park concert series. Residents Gloria Burke and Paul Benyo were among the many to enjoy the easy listening event. The concerts are free and will continue each Sunday, with Billy Brandt and Jill Jack this week. Photos by Ken Garner

## School officials approve bond language

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Van Buren Public School District officials approved an application for bond qualification during the board of education meeting Monday night.

The proposed ballot language for the November election will ask voters to approve a 2.98 mill, not to exceed \$79,040,000, bond for the improvements, remodeling and replacement of the current Belleville High School. It would also include equipping technology and technology improvements, furnishing and improving the existing site, infrastructure renovation and the equipping of athletic fields.

The bonds would be issued in a

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Wayde Hoppe

series with the maximum number of years not to exceed 30. The estimated millage is about \$2.98 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation in 2009.

Officials intend to perform renovations on the existing cafeteria and music rooms; technology infrastructure, including a voicemail

system, a fiber optic network and library system; site work, like landscaping and the athletic fields; furnishing and equipment, such as carpeting and security surveillance system; demolition and abatement.

According to Wayde Hoppe, project architect, the bond program includes partial demolition of a portion of the existing high school to make room for a larger addition.

“The original high school building was constructed in 1928 with several additions constructed over the subsequent 70 years,” he said. “Several areas of the building are antiquated and too costly to upgrade.”

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## Residents showcase area lake gardens

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Five area homeowners will soon showcase their green thumbs during the Belleville Area Garden Walk: Gardens on the Lake.

The event, sponsored by the Fred C. Fischer Library and other area

businesses, will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 27. It will feature five home gardens on Belleville Lake, which all have a different feel, according to Debra Green, director of the library.

“Some are more of a cottage garden feel, some are poolside, but all have an amazing view of the lake,”

she said.

“Everybody is not a water nut like I am, but they're beautiful homes,” said Faye Traskos, volunteer for the event. “Every gardener longs to have water in their garden so what else is better than having a lake.”

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## POLICE BRIEFS

### Man rescued from trench

A 51-year-old Van Buren Township man, a representative of Wohali Enterprises of Belleville, was rescued from a trench last weekend after his legs were trapped, police said.

Officials said the man was working in the trench for a water drain when it collapsed and trapped him. A 16 and 17-year-old boy were assisting the man and tried to help, but another pile started to give way and they escaped injuries.

The Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue Team (WWUSAR) was called to help stabilize the trench and rescue the man without risking any more injuries or collapses, officials said.

While the urban search and rescue teams were working, township fire officials established a safe work zone to offer harnesses, ropes and lightweight equipment to help the trapped man dig his legs free, in order to evacuate himself from the trench. About 15 minutes later, the man freed his legs and climbed out of the trench using a ladder provided by firefighters. He was then evaluated by on-scene Huron Valley Ambulance Paramedics. He refused to be transported to the hospital, according to reports.

### Two charged for apartment murder

Two 19-year-olds—Cecil Mackie-Howell and Billy Sullivan—were arraigned recently on the shooting and death of Dwight Darnell Bryant of Van Buren Township.

Howell and Sullivan were video arraigned at the 34th District Court in Romulus on first degree murder charges for the murder at the Hidden Cove Apartment Complex in the township. Both were arraigned on five counts of assault with the intent to commit murder, with Howell having an additional count of felony firearm charge, according to officials.

A plea of not guilty was entered by Judge Brain A. Oakley on behalf of both defendants. They remain in Wayne County Jail without bond, according to reports.

Bryant was shot in the chest after he answered his apartment door. Revenge appeared to be the motive, police said, which stemmed from a fight at the apartment complex pool where the suspect and friends had been assaulted earlier that day. Police said it was unclear whether Bryant was even present at the fight or if he was a ‘victim of circumstance’ and not the intended target.

A preliminary exam is set for 9 a.m. on July 23 at the 34th District Court.

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# Van Buren traffic unit study shows success

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

A recent study of the Van Buren Township traffic services unit shows effectiveness and success, according to officials.

The report—prepared in June—compares the 2006 start of the unit until 2007. It's also intended to show its future direction and to educate the public.

"The traffic unit has had a major impact on reducing accidents," said Jerry Champagne, director of the public safety department. "We'd rather not ticket at all if we didn't have to."

According to statistics, the number of crashes has gone down, along with accidents at the top five intersections (Belleville Road and North Service Drive, Belleville Road and the South Service Drive, Ecorse and

Haggerty Road, Belleville and Ecorse Road and Huron River Drive and Rawsonville Road) and injury accidents.

"The unit was lauded for things like this: reducing crashes," said Champagne. "Other examples are educating students at the high school, child safety seat inspections and even the recent visit of Sen. John McCain."

Officials said the traffic services unit is the most visible aspect of the police department, which is good for the reduction of crime and traffic incidents. However, it's also the cause of complaints, as most people are resistant to receiving a traffic violation and monetary fine.

"Basically, we try to give people a plea bargain, if you will, a break, when we issue a violation so people don't get points on their licenses and don't have to go to the courts to

handle a ticket," said Champagne. "It's always our hope that there will be a day when officers go out and don't have to write a single ticket."

"On a daily basis, we get complaints in school zones about speeding, so the unit actively works that. We try to give as much warning to people, like through the media, but we still have violators," he added. "Police don't want to see people paying huge fines and points on their licenses."

Although the traffic service unit receives some criticism, Champagne said the unit really does save lives.

"Most people don't realize the amount of people killed and injured," he said. "A study done by the University of Michigan showed that total costs for traffic crashes was more than index crimes. People don't realize those costs."

"It's important for residents to understand that it is, in part, because of their requests for service that the traffic unit was formed," said Township Supervisor Cindy King. "Daily, the public safety department received complaints about speeders, people who run stop signs and clearly, those people want traffic offenders to be dealt with. Conversely, if you speed, are stopped by police and given a citation, you're not likely to be happy about that."

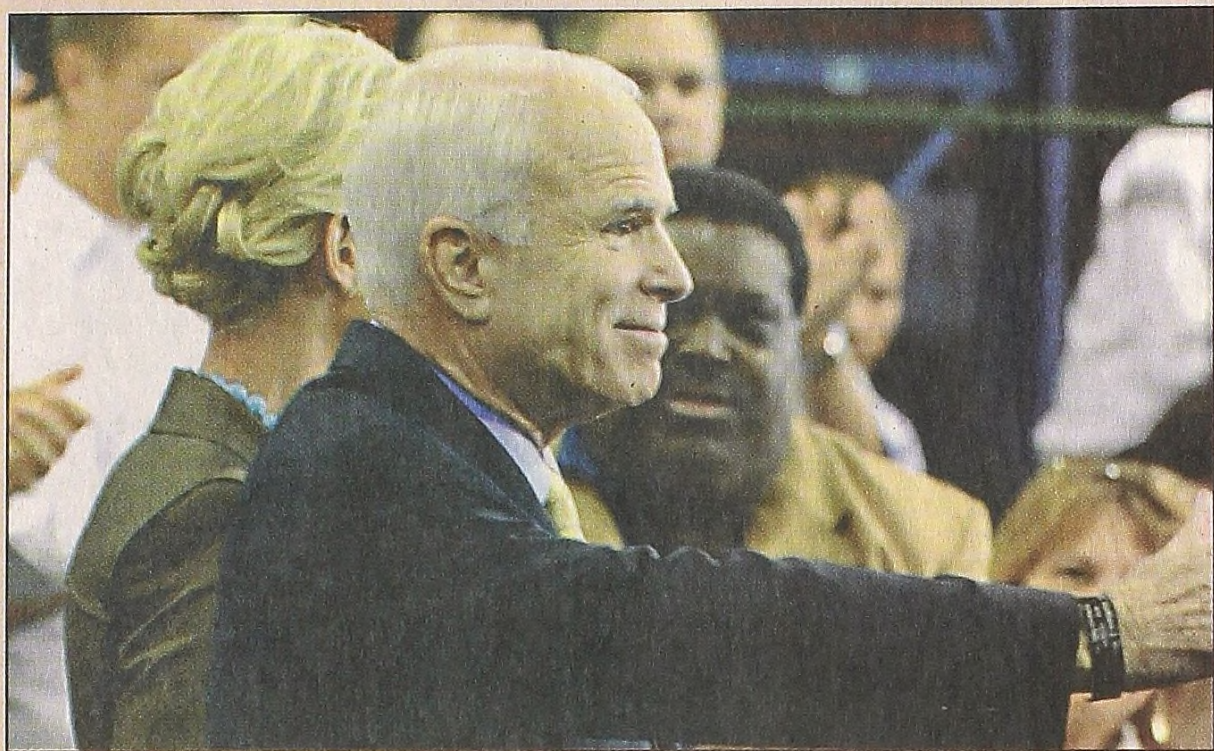
The self-funded unit—because of the work—is there to back-up regular officers, too, officials said.

"If they weren't writing tickets, those officers wouldn't be there, period, due to the nature of the work," said Champagne.

"Our goal is to make sure our streets are safe and studies have shown that speeding is a significant

contributor to that," said King. "As the report shows, accidents are down and that is attributable to the traffic unit."

"I hope people are getting the message that for everyone's sake, it's better to follow traffic laws so as to not be involved in accidents, cause an accident for another or to be cited for a traffic offense."



## Campaign visit

Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) made a campaign stop at the Bayloff Stamped Products company in Van Buren Township last week. McCain spoke in a town hall forum about the Michigan economy, job losses and how small businesses can help spur the economy with job creation. He also took questions from the audience on topics including education, trade, immigration policies, energy and business tax credits. Many area residents, business owners and officials, such as Bryce Kelley, director of planning and economic development for the township, attended the event. Kelley said McCain is "certainly an exceptional role model for all Americans. His commitment to his country is without reproach. He successfully demonstrated his enthusiasm, his passion and his commitment to the United States. It is an honor that he visited Van Buren." Kelley also said, "I entered as an undecided voter and left as an undecided voter."

Photos by Ken Garner



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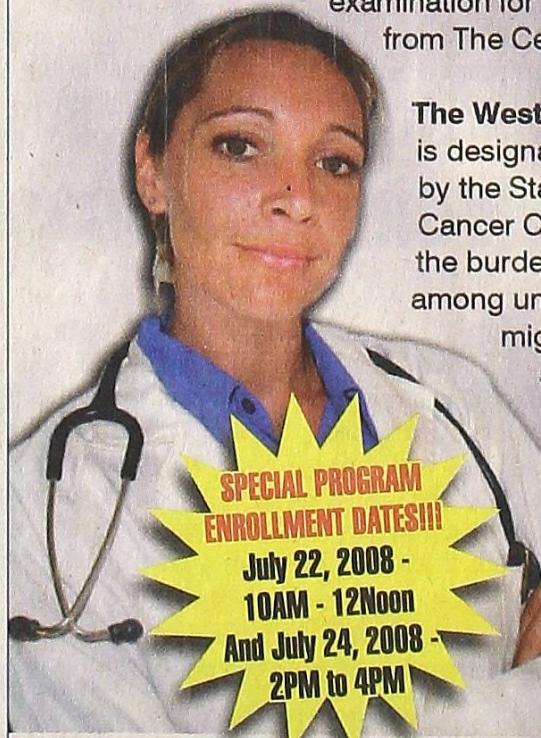
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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Music in the Park continues**

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts Music in the Park concert series will continue at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Victory Park in downtown Belleville with performances by Billy Brandt and Jill Jack. All concerts are free. In case of rain, concerts will take place at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall on Charles Street in Belleville. For more information about the concert series, contact the arts council at (734) 697-8123.

**Faith Conference is Saturday**

A Faith Conference for Champions hosted by the Life Source Church will take place at 5 p.m. on Saturday at the Holiday Inn Express in Belleville. For more information about the event, contact Pastors Anthony and Sharon Frazier at (313) 623-6606 or visit [www.LifeSourceChurch.net](http://www.LifeSourceChurch.net).

**Arts council picnic tomorrow**

The Belleville Area Council For the Arts will host a 'friend-raiser' picnic at 5 p.m. on July 18 at Van Buren Park. A general membership meeting will start the event off, followed by the picnic and a concert at 7 p.m. by the Belleville Community Band and door prizes. The cost is \$5 per person. The event is open to the public.

**Up, Up and Fish July 26**

The Up, Up and Fish event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 26 at French Landing Park in Van Buren Township. Children ages 10 and older can enjoy kite making, kite flying, fishing and lunch. The cost is \$15 for a Wayne County resident or \$16 for a non-resident. Pre-registration is required by July 23. Call (734) 699-8921 for more information.

**Tour de Belleville rolling along**

The Tour de Belleville will take place on July 26 starting at the Bicycle Peddler in downtown Belleville. The cost is \$12 for a family ride, \$20 for individuals around two longer routes or \$100 per team. To participate or for more information, contact the Bicycle Peddler at (734) 697-8899.

**Taste of Belleville set**

The annual Taste of Belleville will take place on Aug. 21 this year, presented by the Belleville Central Business Community at Victory Park. The event will take place in conjunction with the Belleville Bridgewalk and will take place following the walk. For more information, contact city hall at (734) 697-9323.

**Red Cross seeks blood donations**

To combat blood shortages, the American Red Cross will host several mobile blood drives in upcoming weeks. A drive is scheduled to take place from 2-8 p.m. July 25 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer Road in Westland. There will also be a drive at Community Living Services, located at 35425 Michigan Ave. in Wayne, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 25. To be eligible to donate blood, an individual must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be at least 17 years old. For more information call (800) GIVE-LIFE.

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# Cruisin' the avenue

## Success prompts promise of 2nd Michigan Avenue cruise

Scott Spielman  
Editor

Early morning thunderstorms could not hold off the first Cruisin' Michigan event in western Wayne County.

"The rain did put a damper on things, but once it cleared up, everyone started coming back out," said Don Nicholson, who coordinated the event.

The event was supposed to take place from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday, but cruisers were out earlier and stayed later. Nicholson said there were more than 100 cruisers along the roadway and in the parking areas along the route, which stretched from Dearborn to Wayne, at about 7 a.m. The rain forced them away during the later part of the morning, but they showed up in force later on in the day.

"They came, that's what counts," said Richard Story, a long-time Wayne resident who helped as a member as the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT). "It can be tough to get people out in this economy."

Nicholson has promoted the show for about a year and worked with communities up and down Michigan Avenue. He said the idea behind the event was to bring more people into the communities and provide some economic stimulus to the historic roadway and in that he thought it was successful.

"The businesses that got the most out of it where the ones that had something going on," he said. Inkster and downtown Wayne were probably the most successful portions of the event, he added, but he's already received interest from merchants for the event next year.

In Inkster, the event was combined with the Summer Jazz Festival.

Downtown Wayne hosted a number of vendors as well as an open-air concert put on at the U.S. 12 bar and Grill. Patrick Currier,



The rain cleared away and allowed for a successful Michigan Avenue cruise on Saturday

owner of Papa Romano's in Wayne, hosted a car show in the lot at his restaurant, too, that brought in a number of unique vehicles.

"They came for the entertainment, they came for the cars," Nicholson said. "It was a pretty good mix."

Hal Hultman, chair of the Wayne 20/20 Committee as well as the Festival Commission, said he thought the event was a success, too.

"It was great to see so many people walking around the streets of downtown Wayne," he said. "This is what Wayne could be."

There were a few traffic issues as the day wore on, and someone tried to capitalize off the charitable nature of the event by selling boot-leg T-shirts, but Nicholson the event was, for the most part, a smooth one.

He said he hopes to get more businesses involved next time around, too.

"I am hoping we can rally the



The Six Foot Poles (above) entertained the crowd at U.S. 12 Bar and Grill, while classic machines like Deloreans rolled by.

Dearborn restaurants and show them they can do the same as the Wayne downtown businesses did and have a very profitable day," he said.

It looks like they'll get their chance. Nicholson said he wants to bring back the event next year. "We're getting ready for July 11, 2009," he said.



### Summer Music Nights

Family Summer Music Nights started last weekend at Van Buren Park with a performance by Little Davy and the Diplomats. Audiences enjoyed the mix of jazz, country, swing and oldies music. The next concert will take place tomorrow with a performance by the Belleville Community Band. The concerts or movie events take place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every Friday night until Aug. 22. The events are free, except for a \$3 parking fee.

cafeteria/kitchen will remain with renovations related to accessibility and abatement."

Superintendent of Schools Pete Lazaroff was not at the meeting to answer questions because he was admitted to the hospital last week.

Tests identified that Lazaroff has Acute Lymphatic Leukemia. Lazaroff was transferred to the University of Michigan Hospital for a biopsy, along with other tests to determine the course of treatment for the cancer, officials said.

Doctors have restricted visits to family only, but cards may be sent to: Van Buren Public Schools Administrative Offices, 3110 Grove Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. For more information, contact Kathy Kovach at (734) 697-6381.

## Walk

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Participants may visit the gardens in any order and homeowners will be at each site to talk about their gardens, however, participants must go to the library first to obtain the map and addresses of the gardens.

Each garden is unique, organizers said. One is a nostalgic farmhouse flower garden, another is a contemporary garden, and there is a more formal garden, a leafy-shaded dwelling and a cozy cottage type garden.

*It's a great way to learn and take back ideas to your own garden.*

**Faye Traskos**

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"All (gardens) have their own pleasures and all are different from last year's walk," said Green.

"There's also a possibility of a bonus garden, too," said Traskos.

The Garden Market will also return this year at the library grounds where about 10 vendors will sell a variety of merchandise including bird baths and feeders, floral art, pottery and plants.

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 the day of the walk. They can be purchased at Antiques on Main, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Garden Fantasy and the library. All proceeds go toward the library, as well. For more information, call the library at (734) 699-3291.

"It's a great way to learn and take back ideas to your own garden," said Traskos. "The public can feel free to ask questions and educate themselves."

## Bond

FROM PAGE 1

"The newest areas of the high school, including the auditorium and music rooms and



# OPINION

## Our choice for Canton Township treasurer

As Joan Noricks said when she first entered the race for Canton Township treasurer, it's unusual for residents to have a choice of candidates.

That being said, a difficult choice is probably even more rare.

Yet that's what Canton voters face in August when they choose between long-time residents **Melissa McLaughlin** and Noricks.

Both have a solid background of community service: McLaughlin through her role in the Canton Historical Society, the planning commission, the Downtown Development Authority and, of course, as a four-term township trustee and Noricks through her role at the Canton Community Foundation.

Both have a background with numbers that would make them able to do the job—particularly since the staff in the treasurer's office is top notch to begin with.

*What voters should consider when they cast their ballot is the breadth of each candidates' experience, however, and that's where we think McLaughlin stands out.*

What voters should consider when they cast their ballot is the breadth of each candidates' experience, however, and that's where we think McLaughlin stands out. Remember that the board will be without Supervisor Tom Yack, long-time incumbent treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter as well as incumbent trustee Todd LaJoy, who decided to seek election to Lansing instead.

That means there will be three new faces on the board

and McLaughlin's long experience with budgetary and planning matters will be essential to ensure a smooth transition. She has weighed in on the last 15 township budgets and that perspective will prove invaluable to the new members of the board and provide a stabilizing force during the tough years to come.

We liked some of Noricks' ideas, particularly her desire to make the township more business friendly to smaller companies, but we suspect those kinds of things will be addressed in the light of the modern economy anyway and McLaughlin's experience on the planning commission will help there, too.

Besides, in this tough economy, non-profit organizations need all the solid, consistent leadership they can get. We think Noricks can best serve the community by carrying on the great tradition she has started at the foundation.

On Aug. 5, vote for **Melissa McLaughlin** as Canton Township Treasurer.

## Romulus voters face a difficult choice

There is an interesting choice to be made in Romulus, where two qualified candidates are among the field of hopefuls seeking to replace the term-limited Hoon-Yung Hopgood.

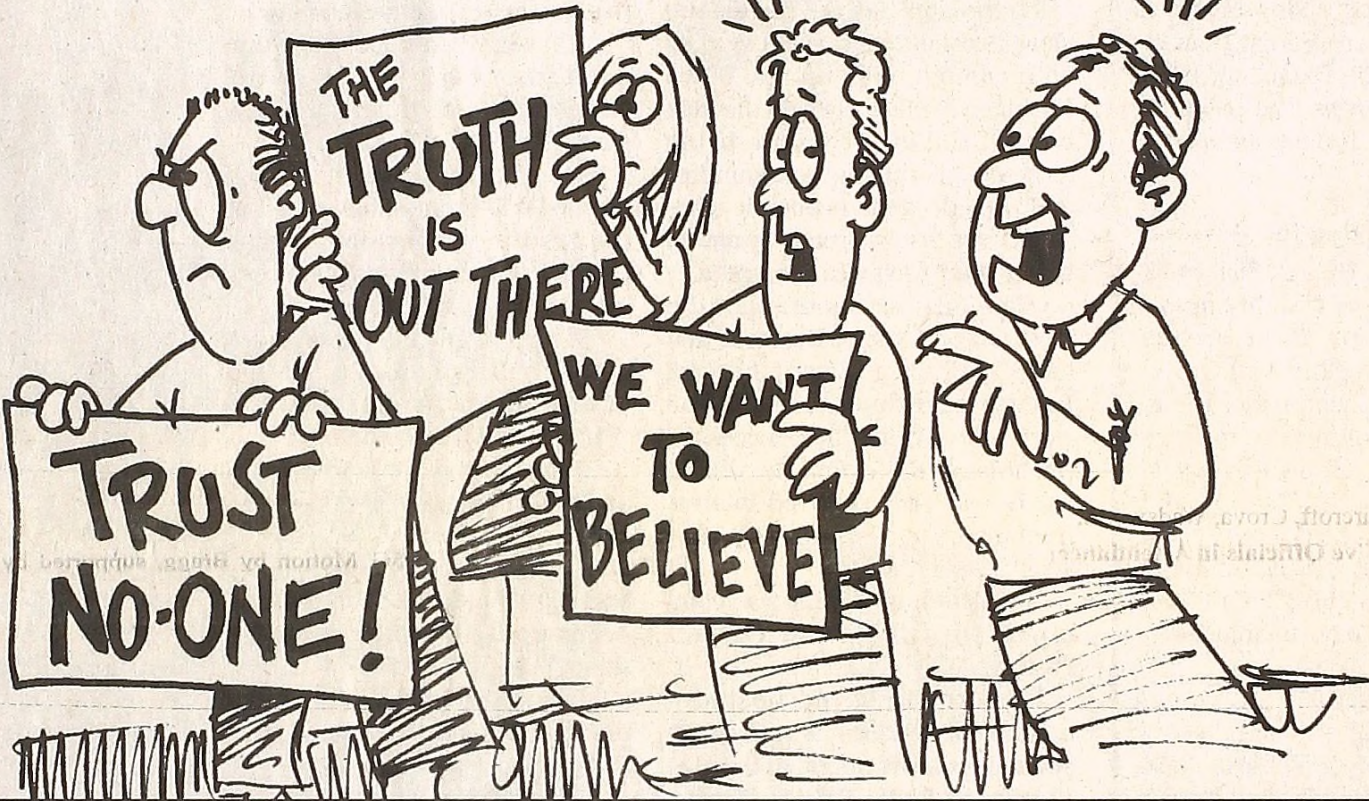
**Jill Brandana** and Douglas Geiss are the front-runners on the Democratic side of the ticket. Both are on the Taylor City Council and both can claim the same accomplishments for their time there. Both have similar ideas on what they'd like to accomplish, too.

We like **Brandana** for the role, though.

**Brandana** has been politically active most of her life and she seems to have her heart set in the community rather than on her political resume. We like her ideas on health care reform—as well as

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## Cruise proves 'thunderous' success

If you want to give yourself an ulcer, try planning an outdoor event in Michigan.

Just about anyone will tell you that's like taking the carpool lane to gastroville—whether you're trying to dodge a January thaw with the annual ice festival in Plymouth, or thunderstorms and gusty wins at any host of festivals during the summer. Or now, the Michigan Avenue Cruise.

That event, which took place for the first time on Saturday, brought even more variables to the table. Promoted largely on the Internet, nobody really knew how that interest would translate to crowds or cruisers. Don Nicholson, who organized the event and has already said it's coming back next year, said he had hundreds of thousands of hits on the web site, but that's a difficult way to predict any kind of turnout. We get thousands of hits on ours, too, but it's tough to

tell sometimes if there's that much interest or if someone has passed out with their forehead on the mouse.

In western Wayne County, we really needed this event to take off.

And, sure enough, Saturday opened with gloomy skies, rumbling thunder and a steady—and sometimes torrential—rain. It was just the kind of thing to keep classic car owners with their 'babies' under wraps in their garages, and car enthusiasts away from the roadway.

Slowly, the weather turned and the event turned with it.

Henry and I drove down the strip—which was mapped out from Wayne to Dearborn Heights—shortly after the rain stopped for good, at about 1 p.m. It was pretty quiet; it was hard to tell at first if there was a concerted effort to get the old muscle cars and antiques out, or if a few owners coincidentally got

together to go for a spin down the road.

Even in the early part, though, you could tell there was enthusiasm. Here and there groups of people had set up lawn chairs along Michigan Avenue; some had tents, some had tarps, others had umbrellas and raincoats, but they all wore smiles. Henry thought we were part of something special. Everyone was waving as we passed and my car is by no means a classic—it's not even clean.

"Well, we'll give it another chance later on, bud," I told him and we headed home—to his regret, since my Plan B for the day consisted of chores.

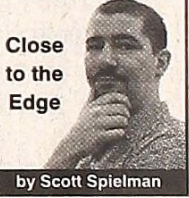
Later on, chores accomplished, we headed out down the route again. This time, we heard regular rumbles of motor-driven thunder. Classics rolled down the streets, antique horns blaring, people pointing

We stopped in downtown Wayne, one of the hot spots along the cruise. The main drag there was lined with booths and the cruisers slowed down to give the crowd a good look.

"This is what Wayne could be," said Hal Hultman, chair of the Wayne 20/20 Committee and the Wayne Festival Commission. He beamed at the sight of the city streets teaming with folks.

It wasn't a perfect event, but there are events that have gone on for 30 years and still aren't perfect. There are plenty of ways to improve it. It looks like there will be that chance, too.

I still think Nicholson managed to buck the bad weather and pull off a good thing. It brought people into the community, got them talking and excited. That's indeed what Wayne can be.



by Scott Spielman

## Speak up or forever shut up

Proving the Plymouth Ice Spectacular, Green Street Fair, Art in the Park, Plymouth Fall Festival and other downtown Plymouth events are a positive for the local and regional economy is not the only thing a recent report released by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority (DDA) proved.

The survey and subsequent report was created at the behest of downtown merchants who wanted to know how the more than 130 events conducted in downtown Plymouth each year impacts their bottom line. It showed another glaring example of business owners and residents not holding up their part of the bargain when government responds to their con-

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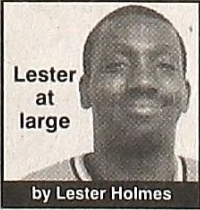
It is often said that people should not be praised for doing what they are supposed to do. In this case, as an agency concerned with downtown development and image, the survey is a normal course of operation for the department. However, residents, business owners and taxpayers also have a responsibility to meet elected officials and their agents halfway when dealing with issues of the public trust. Particularly when the public pays the bill for such activities and services.

It has to be at least somewhat frustrating to the city and DDA officials to spend considerable time and resources putting together a survey and report to have less

than 20 percent of the 150 businesses respond.

While believing the results of the survey, which indicate between 60 to 80 percent of business owners in Plymouth see increased sales and foot traffic during events are valid, obviously it would have been nice to know the feelings of at least half of the business and retail property owners surveyed.

Those who responded to the survey also gave a fair assessment of some of the issues caused when tens of thousands of people come to the city. Disruption of normal business routine, lack of accessi-



by Lester Holmes

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# Survey

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ble parking, and increased noise are all legitimate concerns when dealing with any event. However, the merchants agreed a few minor negatives are outweighed by the positives of the event.

Just as often as the loudest critics of government seemingly are the ones who choose not to vote, perhaps those who would rather downsize or do away with entirely the “Disneyesqué” atmosphere of

Plymouth decided their opinions would not be taken seriously as the Plymouth events have become tradition for many families in western Wayne County.

As Plymouth prepares for the Fall Fest and rumors circulate of several downtown property owners being concerned once again about the size and scope of the event carnival rides, it is important for the city, businesses and event organizers to be on the same page to represent Plymouth in the best light possible. Unfortunately, the task will be harder as a significant number of downtown business owners decided to keep city officials in the dark.

## Correction

On our opinion page last week, Wanda-Harris Foster was identified as a former Inkster mayoral candidate. Harris-Foster has not ever sought the mayoral office. We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.

## JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

### NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Thursday, July 22nd, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 18, 2008

Joannie Payne, CMC  
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: June 26, 2008  
Publish: July 10, 2008  
July 17, 2008

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 23, 2008 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Harry Crout, Randolph Gear.

Excused: Burcroff, Crova, Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambent, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, Clerk  
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Garden, Bragg, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-183

2. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 9, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. None.

4. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to accept the Chairpersons Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-184

5A. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing, Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Phil Wagner, Deputy Fire Chief and award bid 07/08-33, four (4) emergency vehicle exhaust extrication systems for the Fire Department to the lowest bidder Hasting’s Air Energy Control, in the amount of \$107,819.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-185

5B. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Phil Wagner, Deputy Fire Chief to award bid 07/08-34, 7’ x 12’ enclosed trailer for the Fire Department to the lowest qualified bidder, Beck’s Custom Coach and Trailer in the amount of \$9,181.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-186

5C. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Phil Wagner, Deputy Fire Chief to award bid 07/08-35 air cascade system and fill station for the Fire Department to the lowest qualified bidder, Breathing Air Systems, in the amount of \$21,714.50.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-187

5D. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Phil Wagner, Deputy Fire Chief to award bid 07/08-36, self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and rapid intervention packs (RIT) for the Fire Department to the lowest qualified bidder, West Shore Fire, in the amount of \$107,515.50.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-188

5E. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Phil Wagner, Deputy Fire Chief to award bid 07/08-42, Rescue Tool Hydraulic Hoses for the Fire Department to the lowest bidder, West Shore Fire, Inc., in the amount of \$3,300.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

## THE CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE MICHIGAN

### In the Matter of: Henry Drain

### NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION

*Notice Is Hereby Given* to you as a person liable for an assessment or a public corporation subject to assessment that the Board of Determination will meet on **Monday, July 21, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center (Otisville/Sheldon Room), 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111**, to hear all interested persons and evidence and to determine whether the **Henry Drain (Drainage District No. H021)**, as prayed for in the Pétition to clean out, relocate, widen, deepen, straighten, tile, extend or relocate, dated April 7, 2008, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare, and whether said drain is necessary for the protection of the public health of the Township of Van Buren in accordance with Sections 72 and 191 of Act No. 40, P.A. 1956, as amended.

Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provision of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and you are further notified that information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the County Drain Commissioner. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner at the number noted below (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance. Minutes of the meeting can be obtained by contacting the Wayne County Drain Commissioner’s Field Office, 3501 Henry Ruff Road, Westland, Michigan 48186.

*You Are Further Notified*, that persons aggrieved by the decisions of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review in the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne within ten (10) days of the determination.

Dated: July 1, 2008

Kurt L. Heise  
Wayne County Drain Commissioner  
Director of Department of Environment  
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Telephone (734) 326-4500

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08-189

5F. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Derrick Schueller, Assistant DPW Director, City Engineers and legal counsel to adopt the resolution for the implementation of the Short-Term Corrective Action Plan for the Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System, dated June 23, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-190

5G. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of legal counsel to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a contract with Kilpatrick & Associates to serve as alternate representation for the City of Romulus for bankruptcy cases.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-191

5H. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-28:

| FUND/DEPT.                     | ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME            | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDMENT | AMENDED BUDGET |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| State Narcotic Forfeiture Fund |             |                         |                |           |                |
| Expense                        |             |                         |                |           |                |
| 268-3720-738.73-05             |             | Operating Supplies      | 1) 320,000     | 15,000    | 335,000        |
| Revenue                        |             |                         |                |           |                |
| 268-3720-512.65-42             |             | State Narc. Forfeitures | 2) 390,000     | 150,000   | 540,000        |
| Fund Balance                   |             |                         |                |           |                |
| 268-0000-390.00-00             |             | Fund Balance            | 284,031        | 135,000   | 419,031        |

1) Additional budget allocated in operating supplies for fuel usage for State Law Enforcement Vehicles.

2) Recognize additional revenue in the 07/08 fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-192

5I. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Thomas Wilson, DPW Director to authorize the emergency repair of the pump motor for the Harrison Road Pump Station next to Kennedy Industries in the amount of \$5,310.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-193

6A1. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to schedule a Public Hearing to discuss proposed establishment of an industrial development district on parcel 80-052-99-0016-701, located at 27501 Hildebrandt Road for Monday, July 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., to be held in the City Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-194

11. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 08-12 in the grand total amount of Six Hundred Ninety Four Thousand, One Hundred Seventy Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$694,170.80).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Linda R. Choate, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 23, 2008.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: July 17, 2008



# SPORTS

## Northville gridder readies for All Star game, WSU

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

It is safe to say that Greg Hasse's senior year was good to him.

The recently graduated Northville scholar athlete was a standout on both the gridiron and the hardwood for the Mustangs. This week, he is getting ready to play in one of the biggest games on one of the biggest stages he will ever see.

Hasse, a three-year varsity linebacker, was nominated and chosen to represent Northville—and the entire East side of the state—in the classic 28th Annual East-West All Star Football Game played at Michigan State University Spartan Stadium at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 19.

"It is real humbling experience and I'm honored to be chosen to play on the team," Hasse said. "It's nice to know that all the hard work over the years paid off."

Hasse is only the second Northville player to make the all-star team. Mark Yassay, now at Hillsdale College, was the first in 2005.

Nominating Hasse was a no-brainer for former Northville Coach Ryan Hockman, who retired after the 2007 season—Hasse's senior year.

"How could you not nominate him? I think he led the state in tackles," he said. "He was a quiet leader on the team and he always did everything we asked him to."

Hasse arrived at MSU on Saturday for a week of practice with players he's never played with and a coach he never played for before. To make things more difficult, he has to play side by side with some of the athletes that he tried—and in most cases succeeded in—crushing during his senior season. That

includes his roommate Pat Cecile from Livonia Franklin and Matt Broome from Livonia Stevenson.

"It will be weird at first," Hasse said, "but I'll probably get used to it as the week goes on, bonding with them through practice."

Hasse needs to get use to Cecil since they both are off to play at Wayne State University in the fall.

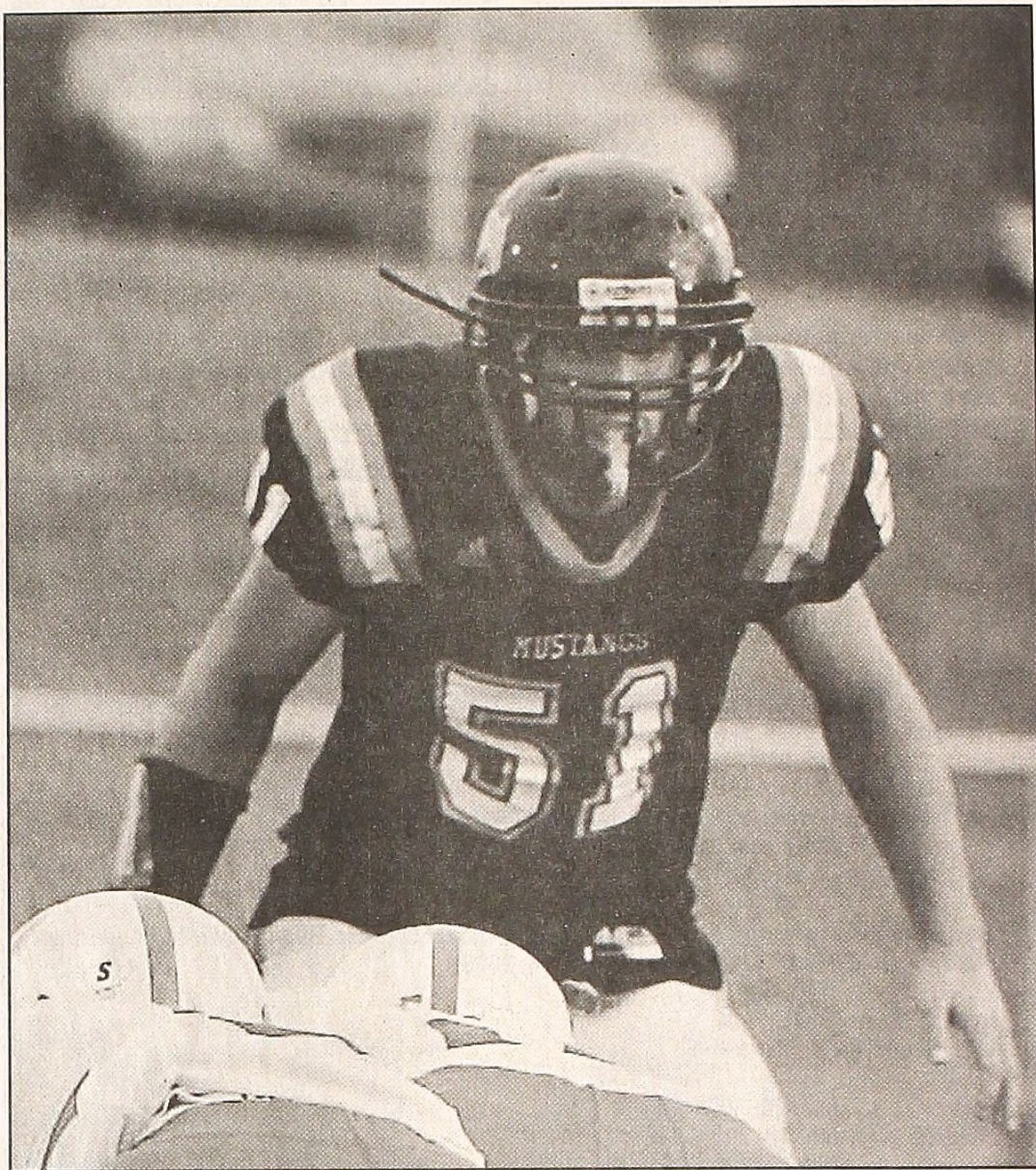
Northville finished 1-8 last season but Hasse made the most of it. He moved to the top of the Northville High record books for career tackles with 388 and second for tackles in a single season with 184. He is also second on the ledger for assists in a single game with 19 against South Lyon.

The team's only win against Walled Lake Northern was a highlight reel for Hasse. For a kid that would rather tackle than block he did just that in the victory. He racked up 27 tackles (10 solo and 17 assists), ranking him third in the school's history for most tackles in a single game. His most solo-tackle effort was against Canton with 11 and added 12 assists.

"It is always tough when you don't have that great of a record—a 1-8 record kind of speaks for itself," he said. "But you just try to work hard and get through it. You want to do your best and you want to win every game. Against Northern, I just tried to make my read every time and tried to get to the ball and tried to do what is best for the team and it kind of fell into place."

Hasse finished out his senior stats with two sacks, two interceptions, three forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and blocked one extra point attempt.

"Greg is the kind of player that shows up and plays every snap," Hockman said. "He's



Recent Northville graduate Greg Hasse, a linebacker, looks over Canton's offense in a regular season game during the 2007 season. Hasse will play in the East-West All Star game this weekend at Michigan State University.

not a vocal player or demonstrative in any way and doesn't grandstand. He just gets up and plays the next play. That's a reflection of his father and mother and how they raised him. It's rare to find an athlete that is as talented as Greg and is as humble."

Although the All-Star game is meant as a fun farewell to the best high school seniors in

the state, Hasse is looking forward to the competition and contact.

"I can't wait to get up there and play football for the first time in a long time—I'm looking forward to the first contact in a while," he said. "I'm a little nervous stepping

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## Fight Mortgage Foreclosure

Wayne County



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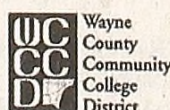
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9555 Haggerty Road  
Belleville, MI 48111  
August 5, 2008 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
August 12, 2008 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
August 19, 2008 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Wayne County Community College District  
Eastern Campus  
5901 Conner Street  
Detroit, MI 48213  
August 7, 2008 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
August 14, 2008 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
August 21, 2008 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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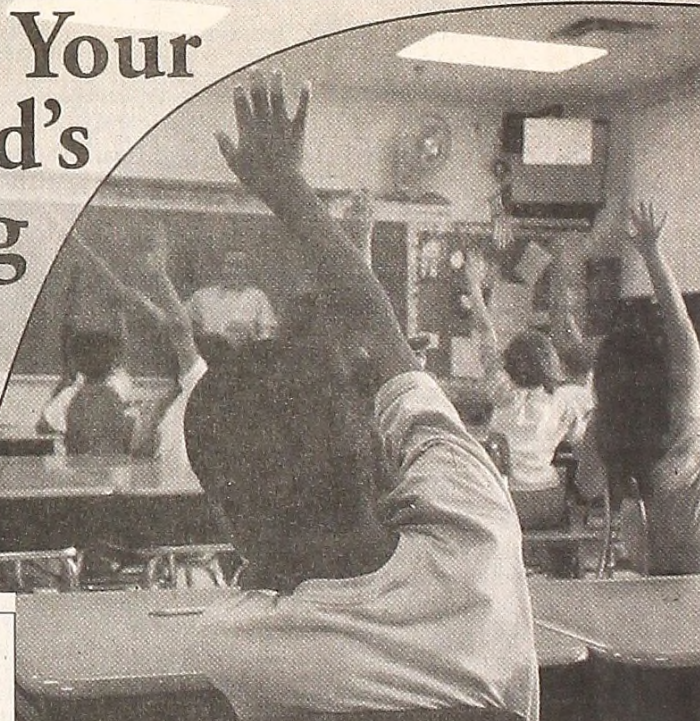
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59. Auctions

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on July 30, 2008 at 11:00AM at:

J & M Towing  
8964 Inkster Rd.  
Romulus, MI 48174

1985 GMC  
1GDEG25H9F7504795

1993 Ford  
1FMDA31X4PZB91399

1996 Ford  
1FTCR10A3TUB87524

1995 Chevrolet  
2G1WX12X459290945

1997 BMW  
WBABK8323VEY85932

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1GCHG39R011124041

1991 Ford  
2FAPP36X6MB192731

1990 Chevrolet  
1GDCD14Z8L133099

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1GDDM19Z0PB534235

1999 Chrysler  
2C3HE66G0XH829334

1991 Cadillac  
1G6KS53B3MU809247

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges

AUTO AUCTION  
J & T Crova Towing  
36573 Grant St.  
Romulus, MI 48174  
(734) 941-0221  
Wed., July 30, 2008  
9:00 AM

1994 Mercury Villager  
4M2DV11W8RDJ48103

1994 Ford Escort Wagon  
3FARP15J1RR102257

1993 Chevrolet Lumina  
2G1WL54T4P1113752

1996 Dodge Intrepid  
2B3HD46T1TH284630

1984 Yamaha MC  
JYA41R000EA000581

On July 30, 2008, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1994 Toyota 4Dr  
4T1SK12EXRU425485  
08-11664A

1999 Buick 4Dr  
2G4WS52M2X1435548  
08-12496

1995 Ford 4Dr  
1FALP52U9SG211879  
08-12958

1993 Ford PU  
1ETEF15YXPCA46267  
08-13184

1995 Ford 4Dr  
3FASP13J5SR103051  
08-13482

1999 Lincoln 4Dr  
1LNHM97V8XY640770  
08-14928

1983 Elgin SS  
S5736D Street Sweeper  
08-14525

1993 Ford 4Dr  
1FAPP14J2PW186625  
08-14690

Upon completion, the auction will move to Great Lakes Towing and Storage, 42350 Van Born Rd., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

2004 Chevrolet 4Dr  
1G1ND52F84M603455  
08-11035

1990 GMC SW  
1GKDM15Z9LB534937  
08-12075

1993 Chevrolet 4Dr  
1G1BN53E8PW128534

1990 Chevrolet SW  
1GNCS18ZXL8148802  
08-12785

1983 Kawasaki MC  
JKAKZF1H11DB500915  
08-13100

1991 Ford 2Dr  
1FAPP1288MW310165  
08-14212

1992 Ford 4Dr  
1FACP5249NG255367  
08-14322

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## SPORTS

## Hasse

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on to a big stage like that. But I'm sure it won't be any difference; I kind of tune everything out anyway."

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Football field—a constant reminder of Greg's high school years.

"I'm definitely going to miss playing at Northville," he said. "I've played a lot of games on that field and I will miss it. Although we didn't have the best varsity record I definitely had fun playing with my friends. It's definitely something to remember."



## PC Pride Stars USSSA State Runner-ups

The PC Pride 12U Stars finished second in the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) State Tournament on Sunday, July 13 at Victory Park. The Stars defeated the Ann Arbor Gold, the Downriver Diamonds, Compuware and Team USA before losing in the championship game to Torco Black, 6-1. Both the PC Pride Stars and Torco Black will represent Michigan in the USSSA World Series in two weeks. Both teams are ranked in the top 40 teams nationally. The Pride Stars won 13 of their last 15 games and have played in six tournament championship games this season, including the last three weeks straight and won two of them. Pictured from left (front row): Elaine Gerou, Aubrie Cragg, Jessica Webster, Kaitlyn McIntosh, Lauren Hayes; back row: Head Coach Mike Gerou, bat girl Victoria Porter, Shannon Watson, Megan Webster, Catherine Porter, Katy Meade, assistant coach Kevin Bias, Casey Bias and Elliott Mitchem.

## More sports

## Battle of the alumni

An epic hardwood battle between rival schools Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Inkster is set to take place on July 26.

No it's not time for high school basketball already. But it is time, however, for alumni from both schools to suit up and battle each other in the first Inkster High vs. Robichaud All Star Scholarship Benefit Basketball Game.

Nineteen-year-old Inkster resident, Robichaud High graduate and basketball, football and track star and the coordinator of the event, Armond Harris, thought it

would be fun to have the alumni battle each other in a game that would help raise money for a scholarship fund for athletes in the Westwood and Inkster school districts.

All-star players from as recent as the 2007 graduating class will take part in the benefit game scheduled for 5:30 pm on Saturday 26 in the Robichaud gymnasium.

Former Inkster grad Albert White—who played for the University of Michigan in the mid 90's—and Robichaud alum Jason Malloy, who was a standout on the Western Michigan University foot-

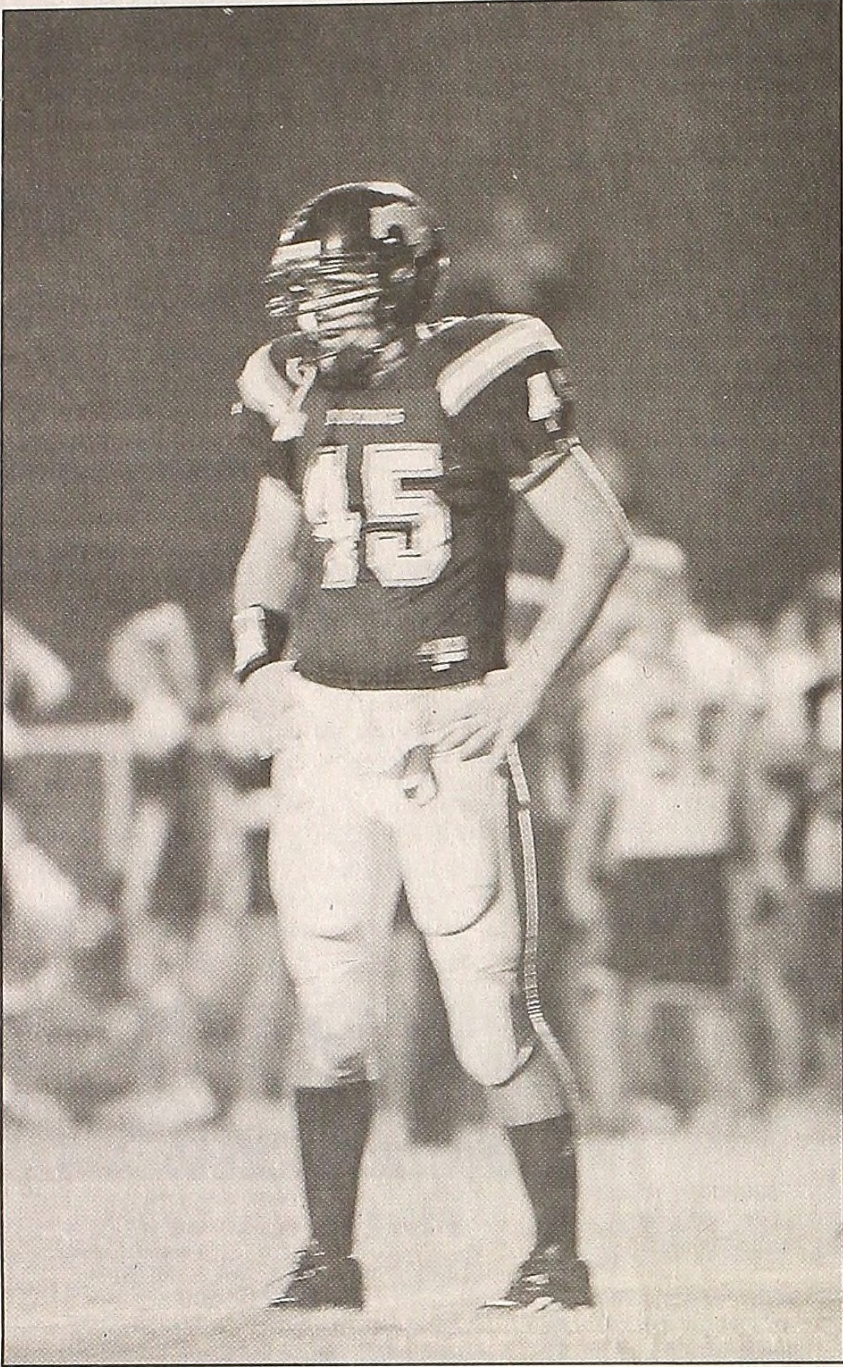
ball team, are just a few of the older athletes expected to play.

There is a slam-dunk contest scheduled for halftime entertainment. Tickets are \$5 with all proceeds going to a scholarship fund for Inkster and Robichaud athletes.

For more information contact Armond Harris at 313-790-4466.

## Salem Pom team hosts golf outing

The Salem High School Pom Team will host its 8th Annual Golf Outing on Sunday, Aug. 10 at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth Township. To register call Bryon Cornell at 734-536-2185.



Greg Hasse led the team in tackles last year with 184 and earned the top spot in Northville history for most career tackles with 388.

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## 1. Obituaries

MADDOX, Ruth, age 86, of Romulus, died Wednesday, July 9, 2008. Born September 25, 1921, daughter of the late Burl and Mattie (Jester) Smith. Survived by 3 children; R. "Glen" (Patricia) Maddox of Aurora, Colorado, Connie (David) Furtaw of Romulus, Michigan and Margaret (Thomas) Sajdac of Mokena, Illinois; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers Guy, Hubert and Afton Smith; also 2 sisters Wilma Daniel and Catherine Cooksey.

Ruth was a member of First United Methodist Church, Romulus. She enjoyed going to the Casino, Bingo, shopping, traveling and listening to the birds. She retired from United Airlines, Detroit after many years of loyal service.

Preceded in death by her husband Lee who died in 1981 and 2 sisters Evelyn Hopson and Beulah Ruthledge.

Services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Romulus, MI with Pastor Paul Engle officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Contributions to Odyssey Hospice would be appreciated.

Final arrangements were entrusted to DAVID C. BROWN FUNERAL HOME, Romulus, MI. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

## 5. Announcements

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

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## HELLBOY II THE GOLDEN ARMY

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It's not often that you go to see a movie about a demon raised by mankind and walk away with a better appreciation for the music of Barry Manilow.

That and other treats are in store for those who go to see *Hellboy II: The Golden Army*.

On the whole, the film falls short of the first installment in the series, but there is still plenty to like about this one.

Ron Perlman returns as the title character, a demon discovered during a secret raid in the middle of World War II. He and fellow adventurers Abe Sabien (Doug Jones), a sort of cross between Dr. Spock and the Man from Atlantis and Liz Sherman (Selma Blair), who can make her body burst into flames, work for the Bureau of Paranormal Research and Defense (BRPD), protecting the world at large from things that go bump in the night while maintaining a sense of mystery about themselves.

They've got quite a task in this one. According to the story, mankind and the other denizens of the Earth—fairies, elves, trolls and other assorted monsters—where once at war before they made a truce that granted the cities to the humans and the woods to everyone else.

Since then, man has gradually infringed on that agreement and drawn the ire of the elf prince Nuada (Luke Gross), who hatches a plan to reconstruct a magical crown and bring The Golden Army back to life.

Hellboy and company—joined by the enigmatic Johann Kraus (voiced by Seth MacFarlane), who is a sort of spirit living in what looks like a deep sea diving outfit and Nuada's sister, Nuala (Ann Walton)—line up to stop his mad quest and save the world.

Perlman once again proves he's the perfect choice to bring the Dark Horse Comics hero to life. Jones is capable as Sabien and Blair provides plenty of hot moments on the screen, too.

The film is directed by and co-written by Guillermo del Toro as a follow up to his fantastic *Pan's Labyrinth*. Mike Mignola, who created Hellboy, shares the writing credits and the pair truly have a solid grip on the character.

With del Toro at the helm, the visual effects are essentially given. This is a fantastic, fascinating film to look at, particularly his visions of the Troll Market and the underworld where the companions must travel to save Hellboy and, eventually, try to stop Nuala's schemes. It would be interesting to watch the film in a frame-by-frame, mode—that may be the only way to fully appreciate the effort that went into it. The battle scenes are well-choreographed, as well.

You expect those kinds of things in a move made from comic books, though. The true measure of the film in the character development and that's where the script—and the aforementioned pop singer—come into play. Anyone can get painted up in a red or blue suit and dash around in front of a blue screen; to make someone like that seem believable and likeable, well that's another story.

*Hellboy* manages to do all that, and more.



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